

Atty. Docket No. 69,010-335  
Serial No. 10/696,530

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Pierson et al.

Serial No.: 10/696,530      Group Art Unit: 3712  
Filed: 10/29/03      Examiner: Ackun  
For: SMART SMOKE UNIT  
Atty. Dkt. No.: 69,010-335

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

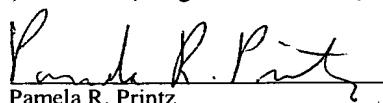
Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 15, 2004 and the telephone conference of September 2, 2004 between the Applicants' undersigned attorney and the Examiner. Applicants made a bona fide attempt to respond to the outstanding Office Action by filing a Response and Terminal Disclaimer on July 15, 2004. Applicants were then informed that its Terminal Disclaimer was not accepted as a signature for that portion of the Response was omitted. Accordingly, in accordance with the instructions of the Examiner from our telephone conference, Applicants are re-filing the Response and Terminal Disclaimer under separate covers to correct the above-stated omission.

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Because Applicants made a bona fide attempt to advance the prosecution of this matter in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.111(b) by filing its initial response within three months of the issuance of the Office Action, Applicants do not believe this re-filed Response, which is being filed in lieu of the Examiner issuing a new Office Action, requires any fees for extensions of time. However, should the Office determine that any fees related to this matter, including extensions of time, are required, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any and all such fees to Deposit Account 04-2223.

**Amendments to the Specification** appear on page 3 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

Applicant(s): Pierson, et al.

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Invention: SMART SMOKE UNIT

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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